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SUBJ: 6TH SPECIAL SESSION SIT REP NEAR CLOSE OF BUSINESS 4/26

1. THIS TELEGRAM FILLS IN ON DEVELOPMENTS AT SPECIAL SESSION SINCE YOUR DEPARTURE USUN.

2. IN PM CONTACT GROUP SESSION CONVENED BY AMB HOVEYDA TO DISCUSS PROGRAM OF ACTION, FRENCH ASKED FOR RECONVENING OF PLENARY AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOR SATURDAY, PM. THEIR AIM WAS TO INTRODUCE THEIR RESOLUTIONS ON INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE AND MONITORING OF NATURAL RESOURCES. ONE EFFECT OF SESSION WOULD HAVE BEEN THE CROWDING OF USG ON SECRETARY'S WISEMEN INITIATIVE.

3. HOVEYDA RESISTED FRENCH INITIATIVE ON BASIS THAT HOLDING SATURDAY PM SESSION WOULD USE UP TIME REQUIRED INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS AND INCREASE PRESSURE FOR CONFRONTATION. WE UPHELD RIGHT OF SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE PROPOSALS, BUT QUIETLY QUESTIONED DESIRABILITY FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR SATURDAY PM. OUR ARGUMENT WAS THAT ONCE MOMENTUM GENERATED IN INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS,

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INTERRUPTION WOULD DETER NECESSARY PROGRESS NEEDED

OVER WEEKEND. WE MADE OUR REASONS KNOWN QUIETLY TO G-77. THEY OPPOSED FRENCH INITIATIVE, BUT INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE FRENCH DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON MONDAY.

4. RESULT IS THAT FRENCH TACTICS FOR MOMENT BLUNTED AND DECK NOW CLEAR FOR SUSTAINED NEGOTIATIONS ON DECLARATION COMMENCING 9:00 AM SATURDAY.

5. IN SESSION ON PROGRAM OF ACTION, US DEL FIRMLY REGISTERED ITS OPPOSITION TO PRINCIPLE OF ACTION PROGRAM BEING NEGOTIATED CONCURRENTLY WITH PRINCIPLES IT INTENDED TO IMPLEMENT. WE DID INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THOSE ACTION PROPOSALS (WISEMEN, FERTILIZER, EMERGENCY MEASURES, ETC.) WHICH DO NOT CONFLICT WITH OUR VIEWS ON DECLARATION. IN SUBSEQUENT INTERCHANGES REGARDING PROGRAM OF ACTION US DEL ABLE TO PROPOSE NEW CLAUSE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PRESENT ROMAN I WHICH WOULD READ "THE FOLLOWING ISSUES ARE AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED BY THE APPROPRIATE ORGANS WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM ON A PRIORITY BASIS COMMENSURATE WITH THE URGENCY OF THE GLOBAL SITUATION".

6. IF CHAPEAU OF THIS TYPE ACCEPTABLE TO G-77 ENTIRE PROGRAM OF ACTION WOULD ASSUME VASTLY DOWNGRADED SIGNIFICANCE AND IN OUR VIEW MAKE POSSIBLE CONSENSUS WITH ONLY STYLISTIC CHANGES.

7. IN THE MEANTIME, WE REFRAIN FROM ANY DISCUSSION IN SUBSTANCE OF PROGRAM OF ACTION AS NEW DRAFTED.

8. MCDONALD FULLY BRIEFED ON THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS. G-77 CONTACT GROUP TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER THIS PM AS FOLLOWS: ARGENTINA, VENEZUELA, MEXICO, GUYANA, CUBA, PAKISTAN, INDIA, IRAQ, PHILIPPINES, AFGHANISTAN, MADAGASCAR, IVORY COAST, EGYPT, NIGERIA, ZAIRE, YUGOSLAVIA, ALGERIA AND IRAN.

9. IN ORDER TO PROTECT SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE ON "WISEMEN", US DEL TABLED (BUT DID NOT INTRODUCE)
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RES. ANTICIPATE MONDAY AS APPROPRIATE TIME FOR INTRODUCTION.
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